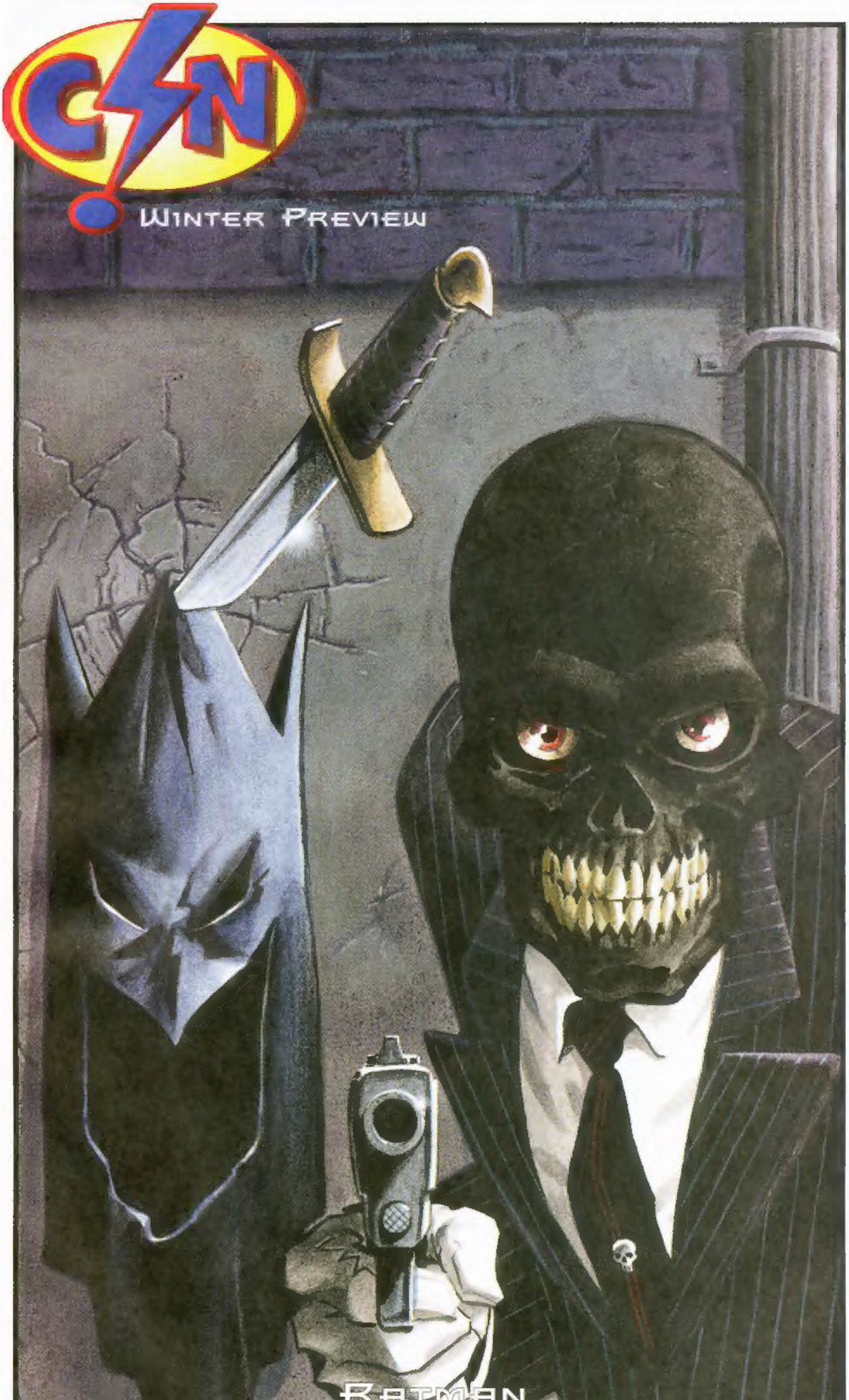
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DNAgents Volume 2: Cold Light of Day continues the reprint of the eighties series by *Mark Evanier* and *Will Meugniot*. (Jan $9.95)

Abstract Studios

Continuing the manga-sized reprint series, ***Strangers in Paradise Pocket Sized Volume Four*** collects over three hundred pages of material in one book. (Jan $17.95)

Issues #58-69 of Terry Moore's series are collected in the ***Strangers in Paradise Book Three Part Six*** hardcover. This is the collection that has the big ones: Francine getting married, Katchoo getting an art show, and even the story that reveals the truth about David. (Dec $49.95)

Adhouse

The anthology concept seems to be making a big comeback this year. ***Project: Superior*** is a massive 288-page collection of super-hero tales by names like *Dean Haspiel, Scott Morse, Brian Wood, Jim Mahfood,* and many others. (Feb $19.95)

ADV

Electricity kills. Well, normally it does. And when four friends are struck by lightening during a storm and left unharmed, they know that something is happening. ***Gate*** is the fantasy story about these four individuals who are granted amazing powers by god beasts, and the way that it changes their lives forever. (Feb $9.99)

A dancing duck. No, seriously—that's the premise behind ***Princess Tutu***, the new two-volume manga series. Well, specifically, it's about a duck that wishes to be a ballerina and has her wish granted. And she gets super-powers, to boot! (Jan $9.99)

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The Couriers Volume Three: The Ballad of Johnny Funwrecker takes readers ten years into the past, offering a look at the events that created the tight-knit team of Moustafa and Special. (Jan $12.95)

The Demo Scriptbook offers a glimpse into the original scripts by *Brian Wood* for all twelve issues. It also has some peeks into the creative process behind *Becky Cloonan's* art, revealing how the two work together to create a book. (Jan $12.95)

The critically acclaimed ***Scurvy Dogs*** series is being gathered together in ***Scurvy Dogs Volume One: Rags to Riches***. All five issues of the pirate comedy are in it, along with a character sketchbook, interviews, a pin-up gallery, and much more. Is this where we're supposed to say "Arrrr"? (Feb $12.95)

It's rare to find a Cure fan these days. It's even more rare to find another Cure fan willing to skip school to buy their new album. ***Strange Day One-Shot*** is about two kindred spirits who begin a friendship that teaches each of them lessons of life and more. (Feb $3.95)

Amaze Ink

Writer *Ian Carney* and artist *Jonathan Edwards* present a real-world style book that they call a "sortabiographical" tale. ***Bag of Anteaters*** is set in suburban England and deals with a fragile friendship between two teens and the trials of life. (Feb $2.95)

It's Science! Actually, ***Dr. Radium Volume Three: It's Science, With Dr. Radium*** reprints the entire series of the same name in one convenient package. (Feb $11.95)

The first six issues of the series are collected in ***Outlook Grim Volume One: Dead Nasties***. (Jan $12.95)

Several different series are collected into the pages of ***Sugar Buzz Volume One: Your Ticket to Happiness***. This volume contains stories from ***Where's It At, Sugar Kat?, Tattletales,*** and others. (Feb $12.95)

Anarchy

More scantily-clad crossover action is the order of the day!. ***Vampirella/Witchblade: Feast of the Cannibal Dolls*** takes the girls to a vicious, cruel world where any slip-up could mean an inevitable end. That's right—they're going to deal with supermodels. (Feb $2.99)

Antarctic Press

For the first time, *Rod Espinosa's* ***The Courageous Princess*** is being presented in a smaller, softcover format, perfect for fans of fairy tales and light fantasy. (Jan $15.95)

Step back twelve years to see your favorite characters in their younger days. ***Gold Digger Adventures Stand-Alone Special*** reveals the "origin" of the Pink Avenger as the adventures in high school begin. (Feb $2.99)

A boy is killed, but doesn't stay dead for long, as he is returned to life to fight in the battle of good vs. evil—and he isn't alone. ***Heaven Sent*** by *Ben Dunn* stars a boy who has to make a choice as he discovers that he has a guardian angel—an angel named Samantha in this case. The first six issues are collected into one volume just in time for Valentine's Day. (Feb $9.99)

I Hunt Monsters Volume Two brings back Will Warlock and his monster hunting team as they fight the good fight, and try to live a good life. (Jan $2.99)

Ninja High School Volume Five continues the manga-format reprint series of *Ben Dunn's* anime-inspired comic. (Feb $9.99)

APC

The first three issues of ***The Chase*** are collected into the pages of ***The Chase Volume One***. (Feb $9.95)

Ape Entertainment

The title of the book could be Lily and the space pirates, since that is what the book is about—but the actual title is ***A Different Pace***. Science fiction, pirates, human interest... that's certainly a different pace, all right!... (Feb $9.95)

Arcade Comics

Kurt Busiek plots the story in the pages of the collected edition of ***Youngblood: Genesis***. Both issues of the series are reprinted, along with Busiek's original plot and notes and tons of other goodies. (Feb $12.99)

Arcana Studio

The first five issues of ***Kade*** are collected into one volume this winter—sort of. The first two issues of the series have been completely re-done by the creators, fleshing out the origin of the character, making this a sort of "extended edition director's cut" version of the series.(Feb $9.95)

Atomeka

The same writing team responsible for those "bwah-hah-hah" issues of Justice League reunites for ***Hero Squared***. *Keith Giffen & J.M. DeMatteis* explore the concept of parallel universe as a young man discovers that his parallel counterpart is a superhero. That sounds cool... but it becomes much more problematic when his super-doppelganger comes to our world, where he overshadows his human version.

The combined creative talents of *Mike Mignola* and *Troy Nixey* bring you ***Jenny Finn***. This two-volume set reprints the series from Oni, adding new material and a sketchbook section. (Jan-Feb $6.99)

Avatar Press

Brian Pulido's character puts on a little extra clothing for the ***Lady Death Swimsuit Special 2005***. Many of the recent Lady Death artists, including *Juan Jose Ryp, Sean Shaw, Matt Martin,* and others contribute to this one-shot. (Jan $3.99)

Continuing the series that began at CrossGen, ***Medieval Lady Death*** offers all-new stories from the fevered brow of *Brian Pulido*. The first Avatar issue reintroduces the characters without retreading material, making this a great jumping on point for new readers, and a great continuation for long-time fans. (Feb $3.99)

Officer Murphy is back with new adventures. ***Robocop: Wild Child*** pits Murphy and Lewis against Lewis' own sister in this one-shot adventure. (Jan $2.99)

Banana Tale

Come visit Oops-N-Ouch Island in the kid-friendly ***Banana Tail #1***. This new book by *Mark McKenna* introduces the monkey, Banana Tail, and his best friends TicTac the zebra, and the mood-color-changing rhino, Reena. (Jan $4.95)

Bongo Comics

The latest collection of tales from Springfield are headed your way in ***Simpson Comics Barn Burner***. (Feb $14.95)

It's happening again. ***The Simpsons/ Futurama Crossover Crisis Part Two*** is the new two issue series that begins this winter, and ends in the spring. This time out, the entire population of Springfield is thrust into the future—where they are immediately made into slaves! Hey, what would *you* do with a whole city's worth of people from the distant past?... (Jan $2.99)

Dark Horse

Peter Bagge offers a much more believable look at how modern man would respond to an apocalyptic disaster in ***Apocalypse Nerd #1***, the kickoff issue of a six-parter that focuses on an asthma ridden, myopic former middle manager for a software company, as his limited survival skills are continually put to the test...

Mark Waid & Claude St. Aubin visit the world of The Hire in ***BMW Films' The Hire #3***. This time around, the Driver's passenger is a nobody, lower echelon bureaucrat. There's no reason anyone would want to kidnap the guy. So why are he and the Driver being pursued by thugs in semi-trucks and helicopters? (Dec) ***BMWFilms' The Hire #4: Tycoon***. This standalone tale by *Kurt Busiek, Steven Grant, & Francisco Ruiz Velasco* focuses on wealthy Sam Wavish... and the enemies he has acquired on his path to wealth. (Feb $2.99)

Kurt Busiek, Cary Nord, & Thomas Yeates wrap up their adaptation of *Robert E. Howard's* classic "God in the Bowl" in ***Conan #11***. A Hyborean locked-room murder mystery explodes in horror and death, as Conan comes face-to-face with the inhuman machinations of the dread sorcerer Thoth-amon.

Concrete finds himself involved in the overpopulation problem in ***Concrete: The Human Dilemma***, a six-issue limited series by *Paul Chadwick*. No, Concrete's not becoming a father—instead, he's been asked to lend his name to a controversial population control program. While Concrete mulls this generous proposition over with his companion Maureen, his longtime aide Larry Munro mulls over an entirely different sort of proposal.

Mike Richardson & Rick Geary take a look at one of the most interesting people you've never heard of in ***Cravan***, an original hardcover graphic novel. *Arthur Cravan*, a major figure in pre-WWI cutting-edge art circles, was a self-confessed thief, forger, and con-artist who just may have b ecomethe mysterious, reclusive novelist *B. Traven*, who wrote ***The Treasure of the Sierra Madre***. (Feb)

Andrew Cosby, the creator of the television series ***Haunted*** and ***Eureka*** and the producer of the film version of *Matt Wagner's* ***Mage***, teams with artist *J. Alexander* for ***Damn Nation***, a three-issue vampire-suspense drama. (Feb)

Ron Marz & Jeff Johnson add a contemporary touch to classic fantasy in the six-part ***Dragon Prince***. The series stars a teenager who learns the truth about his heritage—he's the Dragon Prince, heir to the bloodline of all dragons, and the last hope for dragonkind's survival. (Feb)

Sherlock Holmes' motley crew of allies is prominently featured in ***The Irregulars***, a graphic novel by *Steven-Elliot Altman, Michael Reaves, & Bong Dazo*. A madman stalks the streets of London's Whitechapel slum, leaving a trail of grisly murders in his wake. The police have only one suspect: a prominent and respected physician named John Watson!]

Phil Amara & Nuria Peris join forces for ***Karas***, a one-shot set in the not-too-distant future, when Japan is under siege by strange mechanical monsters led by a sinister ex-hero named Eko. Though the future looks bleak, all is not lost. There is a young hero chosen by the Landlord Yuri to fight against the phantoms that plague Japan. He is Karas, a powerful armored being appointed to defend the innocent.

Randy Queen offers a radically different take on his creation Darkchylde in ***Manga Darkchylde #1***, the kickoff issue of a five-part all-ages series done in a manga style. (Feb)

In ***Morbid Volume Two***, *Pete Von Sholly* offers another strange blend of enhanced photos and art in a virtual fumetti approach that has to be seen to be believed

How far will a man travel for love? What battles will he fight? Will he cross heaven and earth to be by the side of the woman he loves? *Ron Marz & Luke Ross* answer these questions in ***Samurai: Heaven and Earth***, a five-part series that follows a lone samurai warrior sworn to be reunited with the love of his life who has been spirited away by his enemies.

Haden Blackman, Ryan Kaufman, Wells Hartley, Matt Fillbach, & Shawn Fillbach continue to present new tales inspired by the Cartoon Network's hit ***Clone Wars*** series in ***Star Wars: Clone Wars Adventures Volume Three***. As the Clone Wars continue to rock the Star Wars universe, the Republic's forces, led by the Jedi, find themselves drawn ever-deeper into Darth Sidious' evil web.

Dark Horse's collected editions include:

- ***Berserk Volume Six***, continuing Kentaro Miura's violent manga;
- ***BPRD: Plague of Frogs***, collecting the limited series by *Mike Mignola & Guy Davis*;
- ***The Chronicles of Conan Volume Seven: The Dweller in the Pool & Other Stories***, a 160-page trade paperback collecting seven more Marvel ***Conan*** issues by *Roy Thomas & John Buscema*, enhanced with stunning state-of-the-art color (Mar);
- ***Conan Volume One: The Frost Giant's Daughter & Other Stories***, a compilation of ***Conan #s 1-6*** and fourteen pages from ***Conan #7*** that will be offered in hardcover and trade paperback(March);
- ***El Zombo Fantasma***, reprinting the limited series by *Kevin Munroe, Dave Wilkins, & Sean Galloway*;
- ***Frank Miller's Sin City: The Hard Goodbye Second Edition TP***, a 6" x 9" edition with a cover redesigned by *Chip Kidd (Feb)*;
- ***Frank Miller's Sin City: The Big Fat Kill Second Edition TP***, a 6" x 9" edition of the *Frank Miller* noir tale, complete with a new cover design by *Chip Kidd (Mar)*;
- ***Frank Miller's Sin City: That Yellow Bastard Second Edition TP***, a 6" x 9" edition of the *Frank Miller* noir tale, complete with a new cover design by *Chip Kidd (Mar)*;
- ***Frank Miller's Sin City: A Dame To Kill For Second Edition TP***, a 6" x 9" edition with a cover redesigned by *Chip Kidd (Feb)*;
- ***Ghost In the Shell 2: Man-Machine Interface***, collecting the mature-readers series by ***Masamune Shirow***;

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•***The Goon Volume Three: Heaps of Ruination TP***, collecting *Eric Powell's* ***Goon #s 5-8***, including a special guest appearance by Hellboy (Feb);

•***Katsuya Terada's The Monkey King Volume One***, a trade paperback adaptation of the Chinese legend (Mar);

•***Last Train To Deadsville: A Cal McDonald Mystery TP***, collecting the horror-noir series by *Steve Niles & Kelley Jones (Mar)*;

•***Magnus, Robot Fighter 4000 AD Volume Two HC***, an Archives-style edition collecting the Silver Age ***Magnus #s 8-14*** by *Russ Manning* with *Robert Schaefer & Eric Freiwald (Mar $49.99)*;

•***Marge's Little Lulu Volume Two TP***, collecting two hundred more pages of classic *John Stanley/Irving Tripp* tales from the classic Dell Comics run; and

•***MegaTokyo Volume Three***, collecting the third and fourth chapters of Fred Gallagher's series, along with bonus material not available online;

•***The Nail***, collecting the horror limited series by *Steve Niles, Rob Zombie, Nat Jones, & Jay Fotos (Mar)*;

•***Oh My Goddess! Volume Nineteen: Sora Unchained***, the latest in the series by *Kosuka Fujishima*;

•***Shadow Star Volume Six: What Can I Do For You Now?***, collecting *Mohiro Kitoh's* tales from ***Super Manga Blast! #s 31-37***.

•***SpyBoy: Final Exam***, collecting the four-issue limited series by *Peter David, Pop Mhan, Norman Lee, & Dan Jackson* (Mar);

•***Star Wars Tales Volume Five***, collecting ***Star Wars Tales #s 17-20***;

•***Star Wars: Empire Volume Four—The Heart of the Rebellion***, featuring four stories that follow Leia from the weeks just before the events in ***A New Hope***, to the time just before ***The Empire Strikes Back*** (Mar); and

•***Usagi Yojimbo Volume 19: Fathers & Sons***, collecting ***Usagi Yojimbo #s 69-75*** (Mar).

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Adam Strange and the Omega Men discover the location of the missing planet Rann in *Andy Diggle & Pascal Ferry's* ***Adam Strange #6***. But when death strikes from an unexpected quarter, they find themselves hunted by L.E.G.I.O.N. (Feb $2.50)

The events of ***Identity Crisis*** continue to shake Superman's life in ***Adventures of Superman #636*** by *Greg Rucka, Rael Lyra, & Jay Leisten*. (Jan $2.250)

John Arcudi takes over as writer with ***Aquaman #25***, joining artists *Patrick Gleason & Christian Alamy* for a new tale set in Sub Diego! It's been eight long months since the sinking of San Diego, and the citizens of Sub Diego are coping with their loss in all too familiar — and all too deadly — ways. (Dec $2.50)

Batgirl's trying to build a new life for herself in Blüdhaven. Find out how it works out in ***Batgirl #60*** by *Andersen Gabrych, Alé Garza, & Jesse Delperdang*.(Jan $2.50)

The new Bat-team of *Judd Winick, Doug Mahnke, & Tom Nguyen* kick their run into high gear with the four-part "Under the Hood" in ***Batman #635***. In the wake of "War Games," Batman must deal with a city in turmoil. While battling new criminal chieftains raiding his city, Batman is confronted with a face from the past — the Red Hood! (Dec-Feb)

Writer *A.J. Lieberman* returns to as of ***Batman: Gotham Knights #60*** — and so does Hush! (Dec $2.50)

Ed Brubaker & Doug Mahnke tell the story of the Dark Knight's first battle with the Joker in ***Batman: The Man Who Laughs***, a sixty-four-page prestige-format oneshot that establishes the conflict that rages to this day. (Feb $6.95)

Once again, DC invites some of indy comics' hottest talents to play in the DC Universe in ***Bizarro World***,, a hardcover sequel to the acclaimed (and award-winning) *Bizarro. Tony Millionaire, Danny Hellman, Roger Langridge, Kyle Baker, Evan Dorkin, Hunt Emerson, Farel Dalrymple, Dylan Horrocks, Eddie Campbell, Dave Cooper, Harvey Pekar, Dean Haspiel, James Kochalka, Tom Hart, Leela Corman, Gilbert Hernandez, Peter Bagge, Derek Kirk Kim, Dave Roman, Raina Telgemeier, Kurt Wolfgang,* **Brian Ralph**, *Scott Morse, Ben Dunn, Andi Watson, Bob Fingerman, Paul Grist, Carol Lay, Craig Thompson, Ivan Brunetti, & Jaime Hernandez* are having oodles of fun in this original collection. (Jan $29.95)

Bob Harras, Marcos Martin, & Alvaro Lopez introduce the next great hero of the DCU—or perhaps its next great threat—in ***Breach #1***. At heart, Major Tim Porter is just a man torn between conscience and duty. But nothing could have prepared him to lose decades from his life and most of his humanity. Now the man known as Breach has awakened, and the world is definitely not ready for him or the threat he represents! (Jan-Feb $2.95-$2.50)

Scott Morse, Paul Gulacy, & Jimmy Palmiotti have created a new adversary for Catwoman. His name is Wooden Nickel, and you'll meet him in ***Catwoman #38***. But why is he gunning for the Feline Fatale? (Dec-Feb $2.50)

A classic villain makes his action-packed return to the DCU in ***Deadshot***, a five-issue miniseries by television writer *Christos N. Gage* (***Law & Order: SVU***) with art by *Steven Cummings & Jimmy Palmiotti*. Deadshot, an expert marksman and cold, efficient killer, believes he has no reason to live…until he learns he has a daughter! (Dec-Feb $2.50))

David Lapham & Ramon Bachs kick off the year-long "City of Crime" story arc in ***Detective #801***. As the Dark Knight tries to shut down a drug ring that's turned deadly, Bruce Wayne must contend with a wayward fourteen-year-old who's getting dangerously close to Gotham's underworld! (Dec-Feb $2.95)

Dan Jolley's new story arc "Heroes" features the debut of new regular ***Firestorm*** penciller *Jamal Igle & Rob Stull*! (Dec) Then, after the events of ***Identity Crisis***, everyone thought Ronnie Raymond, the original Firestorm, was lost forever. But energy can't be destroyed, right? See what happens next in ***Firestorm #10***, by *Dan Jolley, Jamal Igle, & Rob Stull*. (Feb $2.50)

In ***Flash #217*** by *Geoff Johns, Howard Porter, & Livesay*, the events of ***Identity Crisis*** affect the Flash's world as a gathering of unlikely individuals pay their last respects to the fallen and Wally West makes a monumental decision about his personal life. (Dec $2.25) Adn ***Flash #219*** kicks off "Truth or Dare," a two-part crossover that continues in ***Wonder Woman #214***. The Cheetah has come to Keystone City in search of the man she believes can teach her to be faster: Zoom, the Reverse-Flash! (Feb $2.25)

New artists *Tom Fowler & Rodney Ramos* join writer *Judd Winick* beginning with ***Green Arrow #46***. Get ready for a Team Green road trip as Ollie and one of his cohorts hit the West Coast to visit the Teen Titans. (Jan $2.50)

The return of Hal Jordan as Green Lantern continues in ***Green Lantern: Rebirth #3*** by *Geoff Johns & Ethan Van Sciver*. As his will power grows, Hal continues to fight the forces of the Spectre. ***Rebirth #4*** guest-stars three of DC's most powerful teams: the JLA, JSA and Teen Titans! (Dec-Feb $2.95) #5

The new art team of *Joe Bennett & Ruy Jose* join writers *Jimmy Palmiotti & Justin Gray* for the start of a storyline that promises to take ***Hawkman*** on a year-long ride that he may not survive! (Dec-Feb $2.50)

The most suspenseful series of 2004 comes to a dramatic conclusion as *Brad Meltzer, Rags Morales, & Michael Bair* reveal who's behind the murders—and why—in ***Identity Crisis #7***. Lives are saved... but souls are wrecked as this landmark story concludes! (Dec $3.95)

Keith Giffen, J.M. DeMatteis, Kevin Maguire, & Joe Rubinstein—the team responsible for ***Formerly Known as the Justice League***—continue the story of the store-front superteam in "I Can't Believe It's Not the Justice League, a six-parter that begins in ***JLA Classified #4***. (Feb $2.95)

The long-awaited JSA/JSA (no, it's not a typo) team-up begins in ***JSA #68***, courtesy of *Geoff Johns, Don Kramer, Keith Champagne*, and cover artist *Alex Ross*. In 1951, the JSA disbanded due to pressure from the House Un-American Activities Committee. They were destined to re-form and continue their fight for justice…that is, until now! Someone has changed history, and it's up to the JSA of today to travel back in time and convince their predecessors to once again don their masks and stop Degaton's insidious plan. (Dec-Feb $2.50)

One of the most anticipated returns of the year begins as *Mark Waid & Barry Kitson*—the critically acclaimed team of the miniseries ***Empire***—rebuild ***The Legion of Super-Heroes***. Every issue of this monthly series will be a whopping forty pages for the price of thirty-two!. (Dec-Feb $2.50)

The tension has been building for months, and now it explodes in ***Nightwing #100***, by *Devin Grayson, Mike Lilly, & Andy Owens*. With the events of "War Games" behind him, Nightwing must find an inner focus that has eluded him and mete out justice — and it all begins with Tarantula! (Dec) Then*Chuck Dixon, Scott Beatty, Scott McDaniel, & Andy Owens* kick off a six-part look at the early days of Dick Grayson's second crimefighting career in "Nightwing: Year One," which begins in ***Nightwing #101***. (Jan-Feb)

The Outsiders roster expands in ***Outsiders #20*** by *Judd Winick* with guest art by *Karl Kerchl*. (Jan $2.50) Then Winick *& Carlos D'Anda* present an ***Identity Crisis*** follow-up in ***Outsiders #21*** as Nightwing and Batman have a confrontation that could change the future of the team! (Feb $2.50)

Tim Drake becomes the latest member of the Batman family to make Blüdhaven home beginning in ***Robin #134*** by *Bill Willingham & Damion Scott*. (Jan $2.50)

Grant Morrison & J.H. Williams kick off the first major DC Event of 2005 with the release of ***Seven Soldiers #0***, a bookend volume that begins a thirty-part saga that will span seven four-issue limited series and a closing bookend volume as well. A devastating global threat is on its way — one never imagined nor prepared for. It consumes entire civilizations and leaves behind only ruins. Now this devouring empire of cruelty-without-limits has set its sights on the treasures of the 21st century, and all that stands between our world and these destroyers are the mysterious "Seven Soldiers" of legend.This series will spotlight Klarion, Mister Miracle, Frankenstein, Zatanna, the Guardian, Bulleteer, and the Shining Knight as they struggle to save the DC Universe. (Feb)

Richard Corben goes ***Solo*** in December—and he's teaming up with *John Arcudi* in the process! ***Solo #2*** spotlights the art of *Richard Corben* in five horrifying tales. (Dec $4.95) *Paul Pope* is the featured artist in ***Solo #3***. Pope presents several short tales, including one pitting Robin against the Joker. (Feb)

Millions of people have disappeared from the DCU in the first eight parts of ***Brian Azzarello, Jim Lee, & Scott Williams'*** "For Tomorrow"—and in ***Superman #212***, the Man of Steel joins the list! (Dec $2.25) Then Superman now comes face-to-face with the person—or persons—responsible for the disappearances of millions of Earth's citizens ***Superman #213***, by *Brian Azzarello, Jim Lee, & Scott Williams*. (Jan)

Witness the conclusion to "Absolute Power" by fan-favorites *Jeph Loeb, Carlos Pacheco, & Jesus Merino* in ***Superman/Batman #18***. Superman and Batman confront the super-villains who have ripped apart time—but what will be the ultimate cost to The Man of Steel and The Dark Knight? (Feb $2.50)

What is the true source of Superman's strength? That's the question that *Scott McCloud, Alair Amancio, Terry Austin*, and cover artist *Alex Ross* answer in ***Superman: Strength***, a three-issue prestige-format limited series. (Jan-Feb $5.95)

In ***Teen Titans #20***, *Geoff Johns, Tom Grummett, & Nelson* present a tale that spins out of the events of ***Identity Crisis***. Recovering from their trip through time, the Teen Titans are asked to track down one loose end from ***Identity Crisis***: the armor of Lex Luthor! (Jan $2.50) ***Teen Titans #21*** kicks off *Geoff*

Johns, Mike McKone, & Marlo Alquiza's three-part "Lights Out," an ***Identity Crisis*** followup tale that co-stars Doctor Light and introduces the new Hawk and Dove! (Feb $2.50)

DC's collected editions include:

•***All-Star Comics Archives Volume Eleven*** presents the final JSA tales from the legendary Golden Age title; this extra-length volume, which carries the same price as the earlier volumes, collects ***All Star #s 50-57***, the last great hoorah of the Golden Age's greatest super-team (Feb $49.95);

•***Batman: War Games Act One***, collecting the first nine stories in the twenty-five-part "War Games" saga (Feb $14.95);

•***Birds of Prey: Sensei & Student***, collecting *Gail Simone's* ***Birds of Prey #s 63-68*** (Jan $17.95);

•***Catwoman: Relentless***, reprinting *Ed Brubaker, Cameron Stewart, & Javier Pulido's* ***Catwoman #s 12-19*** (Jan $19.95);

•***DC: The New Frontier Volume One***, reprinting *Darwyn Cooke's* epic ***New Frontier #s 1-3***, adding three pages previously available only in ***Wizard*** (Dec $19.95);

•***ElfQuest: The Grand Quest Volume Six***, reprinting *Wendy & Richard Pini's* ***ElfQuest #s 18-20*** in black-and-white manga format (Dec);

•***ElfQuest: The Grand Quest Volume Seven***, continuing the black-and-white digest-sized reprinting of *Wendy & Richard Pini's* fantasy saga (Feb $9.95);

•***The Flash: Ignition***, collecting *Geoff Johns, Alberto Dose, Howard Porter, & Livesay's* story from ***Flash #s 201-206*** (Feb $14.95);

•***Green Lantern Archives Volume Five***, a hardcover compilation of the Silver Age ***Green Lantern #s 30-38*** by *Gardner Fox, John Broome, Gil Kane, & Sid Greene* (Jan $49.95);

•***JLA: Another Nail***, collecting *Alan Davis & Mark Farmer's* Elseworlds sequel to JLA: ***The Nail*** (Dec);

•***JSA: Prince of Darkness***, collecting ***JSA #s 46-55*** by *Geoff Johns, David Goyer, Leonard Kirk, Don Kramer, Sal Velluto*, and others (Feb $19.95);

•***Mighty Love***, a trade paperback version of the original graphic novel by *Howard Chaykin* (Jan $17.95);

•***Scooby Doo Volume Three: All Wrapped Up*** and ***Scooby Doo Volume Four: The Big Squeeze***, each reprinting five issues of the Mystery Machine Gang's adventures (Feb $5.95@); and

•***Seven Soldiers of Victory Archives Volume One***, a hardcover compilation of ***Leading Comics #s 1-4***, the golden AGe series that united The Crimson Avenger, Green Arrow, the Shining Knight The Vigilante, Speedy, Stripesy and the Star-Spangled Kid as the Seven Soldiers of Victory (Jan $49.95);

•***Superman: Unconventional Warfare***, reprinting material from *Greg Rucka, Matthew Clark, & Nelson's* ***Adventures of Superman #s 625-632***, along with several ***Secret Files*** profile pages (Jan $14.95);

•***Superman/Batman: Supergirl***, a 168-page hardcover collecting the *Jeph Loeb-Michael Turner* six-parter from ***Superman/Batman #s 8-13***, along with an introduction by Loeb as well as a Kryptonian language translation key. (Feb $19.95)

•***T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents Archives Volume Five***, collecting ***T.H.U.N.D.E.R. Agents #s 12-14*** and ***Dynamo #4*** (Dec $49.95); and

•***Wonder Woman: Bitter Rivals***, collecting *Greg Rucka's* ***Wonder Woman #s 201-205*** (Jan $12.95).

CMX • DC

Gals Volume One introduces readers to *Fuji Mihona's* self-styled Kogal queen Kotobuki Ran and her friends, who just wanna have fun—which includes shopping, hanging out, and scamming meals off gullible guys. (Feb $9.95)

Tenjiio Tenge Volume One kicks off CMX's collection of the teen melodrama by *Oh! great*. In one unusual Tokyo high school, education takes a back seat to brawling as warring clubs wreak havoc in the hallways and chaos in the classrooms, all vying to be the baddest team around! (Feb $9.95)

2000AD • DC

Pat Mills, Kevin O'Neill, Brendan McCarthy, Mike McMahon, Brett Ewins, Dave Gibbons & Carlos Ezquerra introduce a tale of advanced robots and interplanetary war in ***ABC Warriors: The Meknificent Seven***. (Jan $12.95)

The Vatican's expert supernatural investigator returns in ***Devlin Waugh: Red Tide***, by *John Smith, Steve Yeowell, Colin MacNeil, & Jock*. (Feb $19.95)

Robo-Hunter makes his DC debut in ***Robo-Hunter: Verdus***, featuring material by *John Wagner, Ian Gibson, & José Luis Ferrer*. (Dec $14.95)

An edgy science-fiction saga by *Gerry Finley-Day, Dave Gibbons, Colin Wilson, Mike Dorey, Brett Ewins, Eric Bradbury, & Cam Kennedy*, ***Rogue Trooper—The Future of War*** takes military conflict to its ultimate conclusion. (Feb $14.95)

An impressive creative team that includes *Robbie Morrison, Frank Quitely, Colin MacNeil, Robert McCallum, Simon Frasier, Dylan Teague, Duke Mighten, & Cyril Julien* introduces readers to ***Shimura*** in December. This tale is set in 2117 A.D. Hondo City — the Tokyo of Judge Dredd's world — which bridges the gap between ancient Samurai values and bleeding-edge technology. (Dec .$19.95)

Sinister Dexter: Murder 101 introduces readers to a pair of hired killers: Finnigan Sinister & Ramone Dexter. But they're not ready for their latest assignment: teach their new boss's younger sister how to be a gunshark just like them! (Jan $19.95)

One of *Alan Moore's* first great science fiction tales is collected in ***Skizz***, illustrated by *Jim Baikie*. (Feb $14.95)

Humanoids • DC

Phillippe Thirault & Marc Malés present a tale of horror in the Old West in ***1000 Faces Volume One***. (Feb $14.95)

In ***Bouncer: Raising Cane***, *Alexandro Jodorowsky & François Boucq* partner up for a Western tale of a washed-up, one-armed gunslinger and his nephew's quest for revenge! (Dec $17.95)

Yves Chaland continues to stir the sense of wonder in ***Chaland Anthology Volume Two: Freddy Lombard***. (Jan $14.95)

Two tales by *Pierre Christin & Enki Bilal*—***The Black Order Brigade*** and ***The Hunting Party***—are collected in ***The Chaos Effect***. (Jan $19.95)

Alexandro Jodorowsky & Moebius join forces to present ***The Incal Volume One: The Epic Conspiracy***. This new volume, a perfect jumping on point, presents the first part of the classic adventure of science-fiction detective John Difool, complete with updated colors by *Beltran*. (Jan $19.95)

Accidentally unleashing an ancient god of death imprisoned within a lost WWII Russian sub, a US crew fights for their survival — and humanity's—in ***Sanctum***, a graphic novel by *Xavier Dorison & Christopher Bec*. (Feb $19.95)

Alexandro Jodorowsky & Georges Bess's tale of Juan Solo continues in ***Son of the Gun Volume Two: Saint***. (Feb $17.95)

In the year 2029, the country's new theocratic government has developed a bio-engineered virus called "Fides" that kills anyone who doubts the state religion. Theology student Marie Appton must risk everything to stop the Fides program and put an end to the dictatorship! See the results of her rebellion in ***TransGenesis: 2029 Volume One—Fides***, by *Anne Ploy & Didier Pagot*. (Dec $14.95)

Alexandro Jodorowsky & Georges Bess's story of one man's spiritual quest to fulfill his destiny concludes in ***The White Lama Volume Two: Road to Redemption***. (Dec $17.95)

WildStorm • DC

Now here's the crossover that no one expected! ***Batman/Danger Girl***, a forty-eight-page special by *Andy Hartnell, Leinil Yu, Gerry Alanguilan*, and cover artist *J. Scott Campbell*, brings Abbey Chase, Sydney Savage, Johnny Barracuda and Valerie on an assignment in Gotham City, home base of Batman! (Dec $4.95)

Howard Chaykin & Russ Heath adapt a science fiction classic in ***Legend***. This four-part miniseries is based on *Philip Wylie's* novel ***Gladiator***, a book that served as an influence on the creation of both Superman and Doc Savage. (Feb $5.95)

Fresh from his stint in the DC Universe, the hero makes his return home in ***Majestic #1*** by *Dan Abnett, Andy Lanning, Neil Googe, & Trevor Scott*. B ut he's brought friends with him—he has guest stars Superman and the Eradicator in tow! (Jan-Feb $2.95)

Promethea comes to a memorable end in February with *Alan Moore & J.H. Williams III* delivering the most experimental issue of all. ***Promethea #32*** takes the reader on an incredible trip through the magical cosmos with Promethea as a guide... and what a trip it is! While other comics allow the reader only *one* way to read a book, this issue gives you *several* options—one of which is assembling its thirty-two pages into a giant double-sided poster. Once the poster has been assembled, the pages form two lovely images (one on each side) that are only discernible as a complete entity! And if you don't want to take your comic apart, you can opt for the ***Promethea #32 Variant Edition***, which is printed completely on two 27" x 40" posters. In addition, the ***Variant Edition*** comes with a saddle-stitched, forty-eight-page companion book that collects each and every *Promethea* cover illustrated by *J.H. Williams*. And as a bonus, each book will be signed by Moore and Williams! (Feb $3.95/$49.95)

Michael Moorcock is the guest writer of ***Tom Strong #31***, which features stunning art by *Jerry Ordway*. In this two-part story, a famed Metatemporal Investigator — or Time 'Tec — enlists the aid of Tom Strong to save the multiverse. (Feb $2.95)

Justin Gray & Jimmy Palmiotti reunited with ***Resistance*** artist *Juan Santracruz* for ***Twilight Experiment***, a six-issue miniseries dealing with themes of heroism and loss. Decades ago, a handful of brave volunteers sacrificed their humanity in the hope of one day saving their world from a future cosmic event. They failed. This is the story of their children, who, in the twilight of humanity, must find the courage to fulfill their parents' destiny. (Feb $2.95)

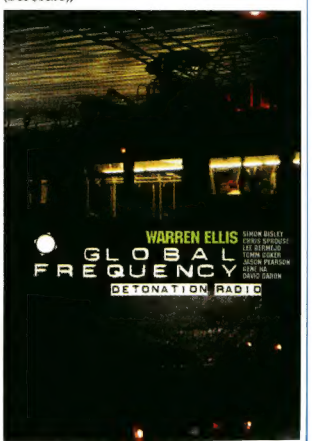
WildStorm's collected editions include:

•***The Authority: Fractured Worlds***, collecting *Robbie Morrison, Dwayne Turner, & Sal Regla's* ***Authority #s 6-10*** (Jan $17.95);

•***Danger Girl: Odd Jobs***, collecting the two one-shots ***Hawaiian Punch*** and ***Viva Las Danger***, with art by *Phil Noto*, along with a ***Danger Girl Special*** featuring a tale by *Arthur Adams* and a unique tale done in collaboration by *J. Scott Campbell & Joe Chiodo* (Jan $14.95);

•***Ex Machina: The First Hundred Days***, collecting the first five issues of the thought-provoking political-superhero thriller by *Brian K. Vaughan, Tony Harris, & Tom Feister* (Feb $9.95);

•***Global Frequency: Detonation Radio***, collecting the final six issues of Warren Ellis' suspenseful series (Dec $14.95);



•***The Maxx Book Four***, reprinting *Sam Kieth's* ***Maxx #s 21-27***, which includes an issue scripted by *Alan Moore* (Feb $17.95); and

•***The Saga of Seven Suns: Veiled Alliances***, a trade paperback edition of the original hardcover graphic novel by *Kevin Anderson & Robert Teranishi* (Dec $17.95); and

•***Tom Strong Book Three***, a trade paperback compilation of *Alan Moore's* ***Tom Strong #s 15-19***. (Feb $17.95)

Vertigo • DC

Bill Willingham is joined by guest-artist *David Hahn* for the two-part "Jack Be Nimble," which begins in ***Fables #34***. Jack of the Tales has made his grand getaway to Hollywood, and if there was ever a place for such a trickster, it's Tinseltown. (Feb $2.50)

January is Hellblazer month at Vertigo, beginning with *Steven T. Seagle, Ron Randall, & Jimmy Palmiotti's* ***Constantine: The Official Movie Adaptation***. (Jan $6.95) You're also find the film adaptation is ***Constantine: The Hellblazer Collection***, which combines that adaptation with three classic issues of ***Hellblazer*** by *Neil Gaiman, Jamie Delano, Garth Ennis, John Ridgway, Dave McKean, Will Simpson, & Mark Pennington*. ($14.95) ***Vertigo Secret Files: Hellblazer #1*** is a forty-eight-page compendium featuring two compelling tales of John Constantine by an all-star array of talent, along with interviews with ***Hellblazer*** writers, a dossier of character information, a Hellblazer timeline, and much more. ($4.95) And if that's not enough Hellblazer for you, then check out ***John Constantine: Hellblazer—Rare Cuts***, featuring six issues of ***Hellblazer*** that have never before been reprinted. ($14.95)

Just in time to coincide with the release of the upcoming Warner Bros. Pictures film ***Constantine*** (starring *Keanu Reeves*), Vertigo unveils the original hardcover graphic novel ***John Constantine: Hellblazer—All His Engines***, by *Mike Carey & Leonardo Manco*. When a mysterious worldwide plague puts millions of people into deadly comas—including Chas Chandler's granddaughter, Tricia—Earth's foremost expert on the bizarre, John Constantine, steps in with the "cure." (Dec $24.95)

Award-winning novelist *Mat Johnson* is joined by artists *Tony Akins & Dan Green* for the five-part ***John Constantine—Hellblazer Special: Papa Midnight***.

This series reveals the hidden origin of John Constantine's deadly nemesis, the immortal voodoo sorcerer/gangster/nightclub owner known as Midnite. (Feb $2.95)

Jason Hall & John Watkiss invite readers to venture into a dystopian future in ***Trigger #1***. Not too far from now, 87% of America's corporations have been consolidated into one government-sanctioned corporate entity: Ethicorp. The result has allowed our country's citizens to live safely and securely in a clean, terror-free, and productive environment. To keep society so "shiny," Ethicorp secretly controls legions of high-tech killers—known on the street as "Triggers"—that act as one-man (or woman) judge, jury and executioner. (Dec-Feb $2.95)

Grant Morrison & Philip Bond blend science fiction, adventure, romantic comedy, Indian culture, and Hindu legend in ***Vimanarama***, a three-issue limited series that's anything but predictable. (Feb $2.95)

Vertigo's collected editions for December include:

- ***Adventures in the Rifle Brigade***, collecting the offbeat war-humor ***Adventures in the Rifle Brigade*** and the sequel, *Operation Bollock*, both by *Garth Ennis & Carlos Ezquerra* (Dec $14.95);

- ***Barnum***, a softcover version of the graphic novel by *Howard Chaykin, David Tischman, & Niko Henrichon* (Dec $19.95);
- ***Blood: A Tale***, presenting the vampiric drama by *J.M. DeMatteis & Kent Williams* (Dec $19.95);
- ***The Books of Magic: Life During Wartime Book One***, reprinting the first five-issues by *Si Spencer* (co-plotted by *Neil Gaiman*) & *Dean Ormston* (Feb $9.95);
- ***It's a Bird...***, a softcover version of the graphic novel by *Steven T. Seagle & Teddy Kristiansen* (Feb $17.95);
- ***Lucifer: Exodus***, collecting ***Lucifer #s 42-44 & 46-49*** (Feb $14.95)..
- ***Seaguy*** compiles the offbeat limited series by *Grant Morrison & Cameron Stewart* (Jan $9.95); and
- ***Swamp Thing: Bad Seed***, collecting the first six issues of the new series by *Andy Diggle & Enrique Breccia* (Dec $9.95).

Devil's Due

He's back for more... and he's brought his boomstick! Ash returns in the pages of ***Army of Darkness: Shop Til You Drop Dead***. This new series has armageddon on it's way, and at a bargain price since it's happening at S-Mart, where Ash is now a part-time employee! (Dec-Feb $2.99)

More ninja action, G.I. Joe style! ***G.I. Joe: Master and Apprentice Volume Two*** continues the saga begun in the original series, with Stormshadow plotting his revenge against the villainous Cobra. (Feb $2.95)

In the latest addition to the Aftermath imprint, ***Infantry*** *Joe Casey* and *Clement Sauve* introduce a genetically engineered super-agent waging a one-man war against an evil organization. (Dec-Feb $2.95)

Misplaced Volume One collects the first four-issue story arc by *Josh Blaylock*. in a digest-sized format (Jan $10.95)

Patrick The Wolfboy collects several of the specials, along with twenty-five pages of new Wolf Boy material, in one affordable digest-sized trade paperback. (Jan $10.95)

What do you get when three penguins are granted super powers? Well, you get three penguins with super powers. ***The Penguin Bros.*** trade paperback collects the three issues of the series published in the mid-nineties, along with the never-before-seen fourth issue and an original eight-page story all by creator *Josh Blaylock*. (Feb $10.95)

Drawn & Quarterly

Hey, Chester's clowning around again! One of *Chester Brown's* earliest works is back as a nine-issue quarterly series. ***Ed The Happy Clown*** is a surreal take on life, with a very funny overtone. (Feb $2.95)

Dreamwave

Celebrating the tenth anniversary, ***Transformers: Beast Wars*** arrives at Dreamwave for a new miniseries. Picking up where the television series left off, the story reveals the final fate of the Maximals and Predacons. (Jan-Feb $2.99)

You might have thought that you knew everything about the Transformers, but Dreamwave is ready to tell you more. ***Transformers Energon: More Than Meets The Eye*** is a three-issue series revealing the secrets of the series. (Feb $4.99)

The latest collection of the regular series hits the shelves with ***Transformers Generation One Volume Three: Ascension***. (Feb $17.95)

The collected ***Transformers Micromasters Volume One*** arrives this winter, getting you started down the path of tiny robots in disguise. (Feb $11.99)

Fantasy adventure is back at Dreamwave with ***Warlands: Malagen's Campaign***, going back to bring war to the lands as alliances fall and new ones are forged, in this new series by *Ernst Dabel* and *Edu Francisco*. (Jan-Feb $2.99)

88 MPH

They're back to save the day—and this time, they mean it! ***The Ghostbusters*** return in an all-new ongoing series, where the team realizes that there isn't enough of them to go around, so who you gonna call? Try your local, global branch of the Ghostbusters! (Feb $3.99)

El Capitan Books

Hard to believe that it's been ten years since *David Lapham* first went into the dirty world of crime. ***Stray Bullets Volume One: Innocence Of Nihilism 10th Anniversary Edition*** re-presents the early issues of Lapham's signature series; plans call for Lapham to reissue the first four volumes of the trade series in special editions. Fans whoa re discovering Lapham's work for the first time with his run on ***Detective Comics*** can play catch-up with these reissues.(Feb $19.95)

Fantagraphics

Sometimes short cuts can take you to the most remarkable places. ***The Clouds Above*** by *Jordan Crar* is an original graphic novel for all ages, about a boy and his cat that find adventure in he heart of a city. (Feb $16.95)

Epileptic is the story of the author's brother's ba tle with epilepsy—and the author's life in dealing with his brother. Celebrated in France, it is making its first complete appearance in the United States. The first half of the story was issued previously, but this will mark the first English-language publication of the final segment.(Jan $24.95)

Gigantic

The cult favorite ***Teenagers from Mars*** is collectec into a trade paperback—which is great news for everyone the couldn't find the issues of this cult-fave. (Feb $19.95)

Graphix

Jeff Smith is bringing ***Bone*** back in color once again. ***Bone Volume One: Out of Boneville Color Edition*** is a great collection for fans and first-timers alike, kicking off a series of books that will present the entire saga in all its glorious hues. (Feb $9.99)

Heroic

Roy Thomas and *Ron Harris'* tribute to the Golden Age is being collected into one volume. ***Alter Ego*** has the same name and logo as the magazine about comics, but this is a comic of its own. (Feb $17.95)

1Books

Stan the Man is back with an original graphic novel. ***Stan Lee's Alexa*** is a forty-eight page comic with art by *Dan Jurgens, Dave Gibbons,* and *Chris Malgrain*. Alexa is a comic artist who has amazing abilities that she doesn't even realize she has—at least not until she accidentally summons two twenty-foot tall giants into the city. (Feb $6.95)

1DW

Jack Bauer needs to take a vacation. With as many bad days as he seems to have, you know he's gotta be stressed. ***24 Stories*** is an all-new one-shot that has Jack undercover dealing with drug dealers, who might have a larger plan behind them. (Jan $7.49)

This is a creative team that horror fans will love to see: *Steve Niles, Rob Zombie,* and *Richard Corben*. What book brings these talents together? ***Bigfoot***. A terrifying look at the legendary ape-man of the northwest, ***Bigfoot*** is a full-color book loaded with action. (Feb $3.99)

Modern samurai combat in Seattle is the draw of ***Blood-Stained Sword***. One man takes on the big corporations in an attempt to avenge his father's death. (Jan $7.49)

One part horror and one part fairy tale, ***Clive Barker's The Thief of Always*** is the perfect style of story to be adapted into comics. *Kris Oprisko* and *Gabriel Hernandez* team to bring you a series of graphic novels starting this winter, designed to eventually bring the whole story to life. (Jan $7.49)

The ***CSI: Miami*** trade paperback collects three one-shots: ***Smoking Gun***, ***Thou Shalt Not***, and ***Blood/Money***. (Feb $19.99)

Murder is never simple. ***CSI: Secret Identity*** has the team looking at the death of a man who has already died two times before. (Feb $3.99)

Old west adventure done in a gritty style with a seasoning of horror. ***Desperadoes: Banners of Gold*** is the new series where the group has to contend with a wildly raging storm—not to mention a grisly murder. (Dec-Feb $3.99)

Make a choice: a zombie story or an outer space adventure tale? Well, now you don't have to choose, thanks to ***Eric Red's Containment***! This new series pits a crew of a space ship against zombies that threaten to destroy them all. (Jan-Feb $3.99)

Back in action after a long layout, ***Grimjack*** has once again found his killer instinct. *John Ostrander* and *Tim Truman* re-unite for the all-new ***Grimjack: Killer Instinct*** series. (Jan-Feb $3.99)

And if you aren't familiar with Grimjack, here is your chance to get to know him. ***The Legend of Grimjack Volume One*** collects the material from Starslayer #10-18. (Jan $19.99)

The five-issue mini-series is collected in the pages of ***Olympus Heights***, which also includes bonus story and art. (Feb $19.99)

Ian Edgington and *Simon Fraser* are the creative team behind ***Richard Matheson's Hell House***. This adaptation of the Matheson's story takes the idea of a haunted house to the very, very extreme. (Jan-Feb 6.49)

Based on the hit video game, ***Silent Hill: Paint it Black*** is the latest dose of horror-flavored action, courtesy of *Scott Ciencin* and *Shaun Thomas*. (Feb $7.95)

Fans of ***The Matrix*** will enjoy the ***Singularity*** 7 trade paperback, collecting *Ben Templesmith's* suspenseful SF series in one volume. (Jan $19.99)

All six issues of the first "season" of the series are collected in the ***Sword of Dracula*** trade paperback, which also includes a six-page issue #0 and a fifteen page scrapbook. (Feb $14.95)

1mage

Rock and roll blends with action-adventure in ***The Amazing Joy Buzzards***, an ongoing series by *Mark Smith & Dan Hipp*.
For these musicians and their mythical Mexican wrestler friend El Campeon, fighting giant robots and evil witch doctors is. all in a hard day's night. (Dec-Feb $2.95)

Set in a near-future metropolis, *Keith Arem & Scott Cuthbertson's* ***Ascend*** tells the dark, intriguing and seductive story of three banished angels waging an epic war on Earth. (Dec $14.95)

The Atheist kicks off in February; this series by *Phil Hester & John McCrea* is set in the dark corners of the world that most people avoid... corners populated by unspeakable things that defy logic and feed on fear. But these beings do have a natural predator in the form of Antoine Sharpe, a misanthropic genius and heartless hero better known to his government handlers as simply…the Atheist. (Feb $3.50)

In the waning days of World War II, at the dawn of the nuclear age, super-powered beings are beginning to emerge from the shadows of conflict, beginning with the arrival of the Artificial Man. The United States government has a plan to turn these new arrivals into heroes. But someone forgot to tell the heroes the plan... Meet these reluctant heroes in ***Battle Hymn***, a five-part limited series by *B. Clay Moore, Jeremy Haun, & Ande Parks*. (Dec-Feb $2.95)

Desperado and Image explore the Arthurian legend in ***Beyond Avalon***, a full-color quarterly series by *Joe Pruett & Goran Sudzuka*. This lush fantasy is the perfect medicine for CrossGen fans going through withdrawal: it has a strong concept, rich characterization, and superlative artwork. The story is set on Avalon, home of Megan, daughter of Arthur. (Jan $2.95)

Big Bang continues its retro fun with ***Big Bang Presents: UltiMan Family***, a one-shot by *Gary Carlson, Jeff Pedigo, Greg Kirkpatrick, & Mike Kirsten*. (Feb $3.50)

Jim Mahfood's going back to college! Okay, not exactly—but he is revisiting his college days in ***Classic 40 Ounce: Tales from the Brown Bag***, a 148-page trade paperback that collects his rarely-seen self-published comics ***Grrl Scouts #s 1 & 2*** and ***Cosmic Toast #1***. (Jan $12.95)

Darkness/Superman, a two-issue limited series by *Ron Marz, Tyler Kirkham, & Matt Banning*, brings Darkness-bearer Jackie Estacado to Metropolis, where he hopes to expand his family's crime operations; naturally,, he runs into resistance from the local mob... but Jackie's counting on Superman's help in knocking off the existing goombas! (Dec-Jan $2.95)

See an earlier Estacado in action in ***The Darkness: Black Sails***, a one-shot by *Ron Marz & Keu Cha*. Miguel Estacado is an ancestor of Jackie Estacado and the most feared pirate on the high seas of the 17th century. (Feb $2.99)

Robert Place Napton brings back his divine heroine in ***Deity: Requiem***, a one-shot illustrated by *Michael O'Hare & Ariees Mendosa*. This one-shot presents a lost chapter in the Deity's saga. (Feb $6.95)

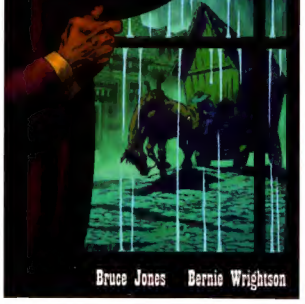
Get closer to your Deity with the ***Deity Perfect Collection***, a boxed set of all three ***Deity*** miniseries by *Robert Place Napton, Karl Altstaetter, & Brian Bucellato*. (Jan $25)

Editor/publisher *Joe Pruett* unveils his new Desperado line through Image in December—and he's making it easy for fans to see what he has planned, thanks to the ***Desperado Primer***. This full-color oneshot offers work by an array of top talents who'll be debuting new projects through Desperado, including *Paul Jenkins, Brian Stelfreeze, Adam Hughes, Phil Hester, Cully Hamner, Jason Pearson, Kelsey Shannon, Brian Bolland,* and *Tony Harris*. (Dec $1.99)

B. Clay Moore & Jason Latour introduce ***The Expatriate*** in a new ongoing series starring Jack Dexter, a man on the run. He knows who he's running from—the CIA—but he doesn't know why. (Feb $2.95)

The first Desperado/Image title is a cult favorite from way back: ***Flaming Carrot***, the zany creation of *Bob Burden*, is returning in an all-new quarterly series. (Dec $2.95)

Unseen for decades, *Bruce Jones & Bernie Wrightson's* ***Freak Show*** is returning in a sixty-four-page hardcover edition. Originally published in ***Heavy Metal***, this graphic novel follows a humble man, lonely at heart, as he seeks out the world's rejected souls, taking these misbegotten outcasts under his wing in a traveling show of oddities. (Feb $12.95)



Mark Waid & Marc Silvestri kick off Top Cow's new ongoing series with a twenty-four-page zero issue that carries a bargain price tag. ***Hunter/Killer #0***, a 25¢ comic, introduces Wolf and Ellis, the super-powered hunter-killers in the secret Failsafe branch of the government. (Dec) Then, in February, the story continues in ***Hunter-Killer #1***. Led by Wolf and Ellis, the Hunter-Killers are out to save the world from paranormals--and they'll go to whatever extremes they must! (Feb $2.99)

Love. Hate. Fear. Fate. Four four-letter words that shape all of our lives. In ***Four-Letter Worlds***, an all-star group of creators—including *Amber Benson, John Bernales, Joe Casey, Chynna Clugston-Major, Jay Faerber, Matt Fraction, Steven Griffin, Mike Hawthorne, Phil Hester, Mike Huddleston, Antony Johnston, Robert Kirkman, Steve Lieber, Jim Mahfood, Jamie McKelvie, B. Clay Moore, Scott Morse, Mike Norton, Jeff Parker, Jamie Rich, Matt Roberts, Mark Ricketts, Steve Rolston, Eric Stephenson, J Torres, & Andi Watson*— present a collection of sixteen short tales that examine how these four little words define our individual worlds in very big ways. (Jan $12.95)

Eric Dieter & Tom Scioli introduce a group of defenders who hope to save Earth from an alien tyrant in ***Freedom Force***, a six-issue limited series based on the popular computer game. (Jan-Feb $2.95)

The G-Man himself, *Chris Giarrusso*, unveils his own ***G-Man*** in December. This one-shot stars the kid superhero and his pals in delightful all-ages adventures. (Dec $5.95)

Oh my! *Mike Bullock & Jack Lawrence* explore the real reason that children cling to their stuffed animals in ***Lions, Tigers, & Bears #1***, the kickoff issue of a six-part series. Join shy Joey Price as he discovers his stuffed animals are more than he ever thought possible in this all-ages adventure. These magical companions have always defended children, but now they need Joey's help in stopping the dastardly plot of the evil Beasties, monsters bent on destroying the world's children. (Jan $2.95)

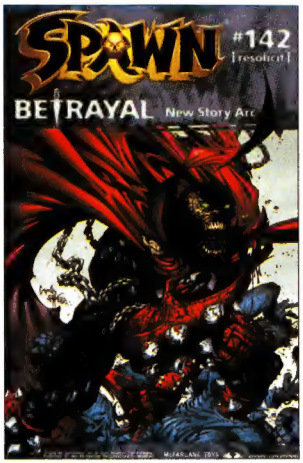
Mike Miller & Hector Sevilla present an all-ages romp through the fantasy worlds of children's fiction in ***Lullaby: Wisdom Seeker***, a four-issue limited series. Join Jim Hawkins, Alice, Pinocchio, Little Red Riding Hood and the Pied Piper as they join forces to stop a dark magic warping their world. (Feb $2.95)

Straight from the pages of ***Savage Dragon*** comes ***Mighty Man***, a remastered version of the serial by *Erik Larsen, Gary Carlson, & Mark Englert* that appeared in the back of ***Dragon #s 109-118***. (Dec $7.95)

Get a look into the life of the most ruthless and powerful witch in history in ***Mora #1***, the kickoff issue of a *Paul Harmon's* ongoing series.. (Feb $2.95)

Ovi Nedelcu introduces Portland private eye Boston Booth in ***Pigtale #1***... but this isn't a typical hard-boiled mystery, by any means. Booth isn't a professional PI, mind you—he's an amateur whose life is turned upside-down by an intelligent talking pig desperate to get away from his violent wolf step-brother, Taxx. (Jan $2.95)

The Ride continues with ***Foreign Parts***, a one-shot by *Chuck Dixon, Ron Marz, Rob Haynes, & Chris Brunner*. Both stories focus on characters whose lives are dramatically affected by situations involving a 1968 Camaro that is the catalyst for unforgettable experiences... (Jan $2.95)



The Dabel Brothers bring their line of science fiction adaptations to Image with ***The Seventh Shrine***, a two-issue limited series featuring text by *Robert Silverberg* and illustrations by *Anders Finer*. (Jan-Feb $5.95)

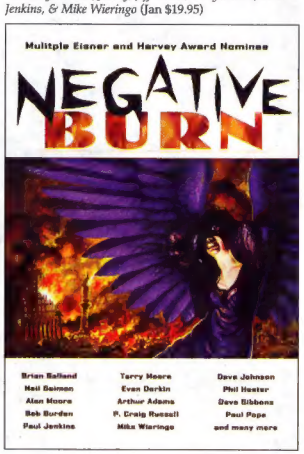
She-Dragon gets her own book in a spinoff series by *Erik Larsen & Franchesco* (Feb $5.95)

Bruce Mutard is ready to make some noise with ***The Silence***, an original graphic novel that asks, "What is the value of art?" That's the question that faces Choosy McBride, a gallery manager, and her partner Dmitri, a painter, when they visit remote Northern Queensland to find a mysterious, anonymous artist whose work possesses a power neither has seen before. (Jan $9.95)

Todd Nauck's ***WildGuard*** returns in ***WildGuard: Fire Power***, an original oneshot that picks up where ***WildGuard: Casting Call*** left off. (Dec $3.50)

Image collected editions include:

- ***The Darkness Volume Three***, a trade paperback reprinting ***Darkness #s 15-22*** (Jan $24.95);
- ***Frankenstein Mobster Volume One***, collecting #s 0-7 of *Mark Wheatley's* series in both trade paperback and limited edition hardcover (Feb $19.95);
- ***Invincible Volume Four: Head of the Class***, a trade paperback compilation of *Robert Kirkman, Cory Walker, & Ryan Ottley's* ***Invincible #s 14-19*** and the bonus story from the ***Free Comic Book Day Image Comics Summer Special*** (Jan $14.95);
- ***Kane Volume Four: Thirty-Ninth***, a trade paperback collecting *Paul Grist's* ***Kane #s 19-25*** (Feb $16.95);
- ***Negative Burn: The Very Best from 1993-1998***, a two hundred page trade paperback collecting some of the gems that appeared in the *Joe Pruett*-edited anthology; this book includes work by *Neil Gaiman, Brian Bolland, Alan Moore, Warren Ellis, Moebius, P. Craig Russell, Brian Bendis, David Mack, Paul Pope, John Cassaday, Frank Quitely, Jeff Smith, Terry Moore; Paul Jenkins, & Mike Wieringo* (Jan $19.95)



Kenzer and Company

Jolly Blackburn and crew get to celebrate a milestone as ***Knights of the Dinner Table*** reaches issue #100. Join B.A., Brian, Bob, Dave, Sara, and the whole crew for this extra-sized issue. (Feb $7.99)

Komikwerks LLC

Rockets and Robots is another anthology of tales, running the gamut from action to humor to horror. *Keith Giffen* chips in for three of the stories in the first volume. (Feb $9.95)

Layne Morgan Media

The industry has been crying out for a new comic based on Native American adventure, and here it is. *Jen Murvin Edwards* and *Tom Lyle* team to produce the new ***Chickasaw Adventure*** four-issue series about a boy becoming a man—whether he likes it or not. (Feb $2.99)

Marvel

At long last, the teen star of ***Amazing Fantasy*** has a super-hero monicker—and a new series to go along with it! ***Araña: The Heart of the Spider #1*** continues *Fiona Avery & Roger Cruz's* story of Anya Corazon, the spider-empowered heroine from Brooklyn. (Jan $2.99)

The Black Panther returns to prominence in the Marvel Universe—and to his own series—in 2005, thanks to *Reginald Hudlin & John Romita Jr.* (Feb $2.99)

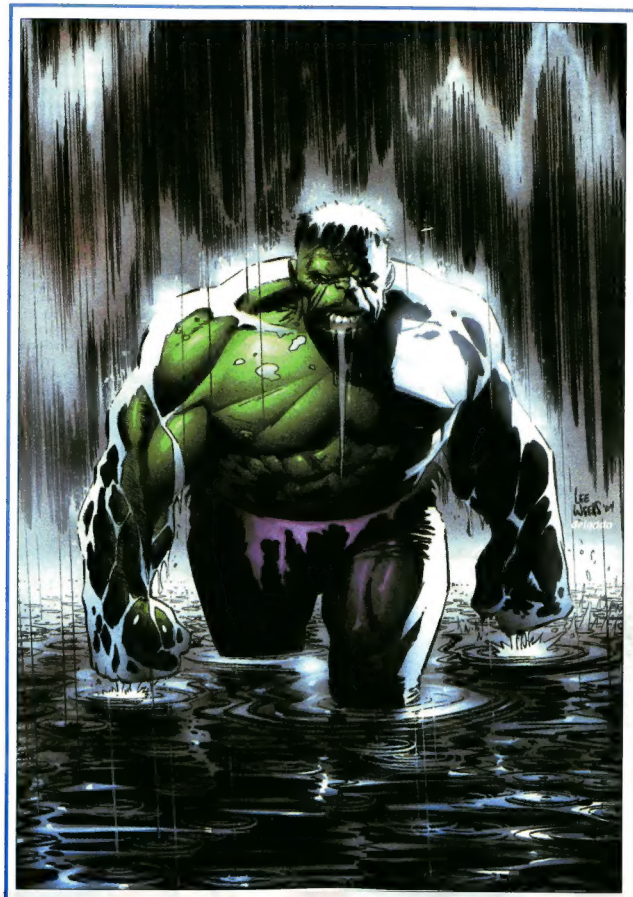
Marvel usually focuses on wars between superheroes and super-villains—but they turn their attention to a different kind of war in ***Combat Zone: True Tales of GI's in Iraq***, a five-issue limited series by long-time embedded journalist *Karl Zinsmeister & Dan Jurgens*. Three months in the lives of the 82nd Airborne in the Battle for Iraq are chronicled in this groundbreaking series. (Jan-Feb $2.99)

David Hine & Michael Gaydos blend reality and the Marvelverse in ***Daredevil: Redemption***, a six-issue limited series inspired by the true story of "the Robin Hood Hills Murders." (Feb $2.99)

Elektra's about to debut as a feature film starring *Jennifer Garner*—and that's probably why Marvel has ***Elektra: The Movie***, an adaptation by *Sean McKeever & Mike Perkins*, on its schedule. This extra-length comic supplements the adaptation with interviews, pinups, handbook entries, Elektra checklists, and more. (Dec $5.99)

Robert Kirkman & Cliff Rathburn focus on the folks who were foolish enough to take on the FF in ***Fantastic Four: Foes***, a five-issue limited series.So why are these guys willing to keep getting clobbered again and again and again? Find out in this series that presents some classic confrontations from the point of view of the bad guys.. (Jan-Feb $2.99).

Peter David returns to his old greenskinned friend



with ***Incredible Hulk #77,*** illustrated by *Lee Weeks*. As a long-buried episode from Bruce Banner's youth begins to surface with possible ramifications for the future, the Hulk finds himself washed up on a strange island, populated by several hapless victims... and some most unexpected monsters... in "Tempest Fugit." (Jan $2.99)

Adam Warren & Rick Mays introduce readers to the most successful top-secret quasi-government R&D program ever in ***Livewires***, a six-issue limited series. You'll meet a team of nanobuilt humanform combat mecha designed to seek out and destroy *other* top-secret, quasi-governmental R&D programs. (Feb $2.99)

Marvel Age gets a reboot as two series are relaunched with new titles: ***Marvel Age Fantastic Four Tales #1*** (by *Brandon Thomas & Michael O'Hare*, taken from stories by *Stan Lee & Jack Kirby*) and ***Marvel Age Spider-Man Tales #1*** (by *Kitty Fross & Patrick Sherberger*, taken from stories by Lee & *Steve Ditko*). Yep, they're new titles—but don't worry, they're the same all-ages-safe adventures as always. (Feb $2.25)

You thought the Sinister Six were bad? Well, wait until Spidey and the Black Cat have to face off against the Sinister Twelve in *Mark Millar & Terry Dodson's* ***Marvel Knights Spider-Man #11!*** (Feb $2.99)

The Fantastic Four and Doctor Strange join forces in *Robert Kirkman & Scott Kolins'* ***Marvel Team-Up #3***. Something is going on. Something mysterious, mystical... magical... and something that seems to be linked to Latveria and Doom. (Dec $2.25)

Spider-Man crosses paths with X-23 in ***Marvel Team-Up #5***, by *Robert Kirkman & Scott Kolins*. (Feb $2.25)

Marvel offers readers a second shot at ***New Avengers #1*** with the ***New Avengers #1 Director's Cut***, an expanded version of November's relaunch. (Dec $3.99).

Tony Stark crosses paths with the Hulk in ***Marvel Team-Up #4*** by *Robert Kirkman & Scott Kolins*. Stark is on a mission that must succeed no matter what the cost... and that makes the Hulk a major problem. (Jan $2.25)

Namor takes on Wolverine in ***New Invaders #6*** by *Allan Jacobson & Jorge Lucas*. (Jan $2.99)

Fabian Nicieza & Tom Grummett present a tie-in with ***Wolverine*** in ***New Thunderbolts #4***. The T'bolts are caught in the middle of a HYDRA civil war, and one of them is trying to hide complicity in a murder. (Jan $2.99)

Marvel turns its attention about a half-century backwards in ***The Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe: Golden Age Marvel 2004,*** which offers biographical data and images of more than forty of Marvel's earliest heroes. (Dec $3.99)

Marvel continues its ***Official Handbook*** line with the ***Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe: Marvel Knights 2005,*** which offers in-depth bios on a host of the House's edgiest icons—from Black Panther to Shang-Chi. (Feb $3.99)

Marvel's leading ladies take center stage in ***The Official Handbook of the Marvel Universe: The Women of Marvel 2005***. This handbook includes in-depth bios on more than forty of the House's most powerful women warriors—from Araña to Vindicator! (Jan $3.99)

Jimmy Palmiotti, Justin Gray, & Mark Texeira pit the Punisher against a group of vengeful mob widows in ***Punisher: Red X-Mas***. They're not going about this in a haphazard way, either: they've enlisted the services of the lovely and lethal Sicilian assassin known as Suspiria to administer a little punishment of her own. (Dec $3.99)

The Runaways are back! No, the kids aren't back at home—but they are back in their own series again, courtesy of the original creative team of *Brian K. Vaughan & Adrian Alphona*. (Feb $2.99)

The long-awaited Marvel series from *Frank Cho* makes its premiere in early 2005 as ***Shanna, the She-Devil*** debuts. But this is Marvel's exotic jungle heroine as you've never seen her before: (Feb $3.50)

You first met her in the pages of ***Amazing Spider-Man's*** "Sins Past," but Gwen Stacy & Norman Osborn's daughter Stacy is jumping over to ***Spectacular Spider-Man #23 & 24*** in a two-parter by *Sara "Samm" Barnes & Scott Eaton*. (Jan $2.25)

Dan Slott & Ty Templeton offer a look back to the Silver Age with the all-new five-part ***Spider-Man/Human Torch*** limited series. Follow them through the years – from high school to present day, from the Negative Zone to the Coffee Bean, from Dorrie Evans to Mary Jane Watson-Parker. It's all here! (Jan-Feb $2.99)

Michael Avon Oeming & Andrea DiVito venture back into ***Thor*** territory for the five-part ***Stormbreaker: The Saga of Beta Ray Bill,*** co-written by *Daniel Berman*. (Jan $2.99)

At long last, Ultimates returns! Postponed from last spring, ***Ultimates 2 #1*** is slated to reach comic shops in December, courtesy of *Mark Millar & Bryan Hitch*. This issue picks up a year after the Ultimates have stopped an alien invasion... and now things get hard. New members, new costumes and twelve months of gossip to catch up on! This issue features guest-stars galore, with everyone from the X-Men, Daredevil, Captain Britain and even The Defenders (Dec $2.99)

What comes after ***Nightmare***?... Why, it's a ***Secret! Ultimate Secret #1,*** the second ***Ultimate*** limited series from *Warren Ellis*, features art by *Steve McNiven*. This time, Ellis looks to the skies, as a new propulsion system devised by the U.S. government puts Mars just days away. It creates interplanetary opportunities unprecedented for the human race. But someone—or something–wants Earth's progression into space to stop. (Dec-Feb $2.99)

Meet the Ultimate Master of the Mystic Arts in *Brian Bendis & Mark Bagley's* ***Ultimate Spider-Man #70***. That's right—Spidey calls on Dr. Strange for assistance when he's troubled by bizarre dreams and flashbacks. This issue also guest-stars the Ultimates (boy, these guys are busy in December, aren't they?!). (Dec $2.25)

Harry Osborn is back... and that's not necessarily good news for Peter Parker and his friends! You see, Osborn harbors a very dark secret... and it's one that's going to have major effects on everyone around him. See just how bad things can get in "Hobgoblin," a five-parter that begins in ***Ultimate Spider-Man #72*** by *Brian Bendis & Mark Bagley*. (Feb $2.25)

Longshot get ultimatized in a three-parter by *Brian K. Vaughan & Stuart Immonen* that begins in ***Ultimate X-Men #54***. It's the ultimate reality show as mutants convicted of capital crimes are released on an island where they're hunted down by contestants. Longshot has survived longest and the X-Men are sent to rescue him—until they become part of the game themselves. (Dec $2.25)

What If? returns in December with seven $2.99 one-shots, each featuring standalone book-length tales of alternate Marvel history. The oneshots include:

- ***What If Jessica Jones Had Joined The Avengers?*** by *Brian Bendis & Michael Gaydos*;
- ***What If Karen Page Had Lived?*** by *Brian Bendis, Kevin Smith, & Alex Maleev*;
- ***What If Aunt May Had Died Instead of Uncle Ben?*** by *Ed Brubaker & Andrea DiVito*;
- ***What If Dr. Doom Had Become the Thing?*** by *Karl Kesel & Paul Smith*;
- ***What If Magneto Had Formed the X-Men with Professor X?*** by *Chris Claremont & Cully Hamner*;
- ***What if General Ross Had Become the Hulk?*** by *Peter David & Bart Sears*; and
- ***Wha... Huh?,*** a humor issue by *Brian Bendis, Stan Lee, Mark Millar, J. Michael Straczynski, Garth Ennis, Brian K. Vaughan, Peter David, Jim Mahfood*, and others.

Rob Liefeld, Brandon Thomas, & Marat Mychaels continue the X-Force saga in ***X-Force: ShatterStar***, a three-issue limited series that finds ShatterStar fighting for his life on the island of Madripoor. (Feb $2.99)

Akira Yoshida teams up with Dreamwave guru *Pat Lee* for ***X-Men/Fantastic Four***, a five-part limited series. Can the X-Men and the Fantastic Four put their differences aside to stop a creeping menace from outer space that threatens our planet's very existence?! (Dec $3.50)

Straight from the pages of ***NYX*** comes ***X-23***, star of her own limited series by *Craig Kyle, Christopher Yost, & Billy Tan*. At last, learn the full story behind the origin of X-23—who she is, where she came from, and the exact nature of her relationship to Wolverine. (Jan-Feb $2.99)

Peter Milligan takes over as writer beginning with ***X-Men #166***, joining *Salvador Larroca* for the five-part "Golgotha." The X-Men travel to Antarctica to respond to an S.O.S. from a colony of mutants…and what they find is far more shocking than they expected. (Jan $2.25)

Jean Grey may be gone.. but what about the Phoenix? Find out what happens to the Phoenix Force in ***X-Men: Phoenix—Endsong***, a five-part limited series by *Greg Pak & Greg Land*. (Jan $2.99)

The old Avengers are gone, the new Avengers have debuted... and now it's time for ***Young Avengers***! This series, written by TV's *Allan Heinberg* (who's quite familiar with teen angst through his work on ***The O.C.)*** and illustrated by *Jim Cheung*, presents the story of a group of teen heroes who might seem very familiar. (Feb $2.99)

Marvel collected editions include:

- ***Amazing Spider-Man Volume Eight: Sins Past***, collecting the controversial Gwen-slept-with-Norman-Osborn story arc from ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 509-514*** (Jan $12.99);
- ***Araña Volume One: Heart of the Spider***, collecting ***Amazing Fantasy #s 1-6*** (Jan $7.99);
- ***Astonishing X-Men Volume One: Gifted***, reprinting the first six issues of the best-selling series by *Joss Whedon & John Cassaday* (Dec $14.99);
- ***Avengers Disassembled, collecting Avengers #s 500-503*** and ***Avengers Finale*** (Jan $17.99);
- ***Avengers Disassembled: Captain America***, collecting ***Cap #s 29-32*** and ***Captain America & The Falcon #s 5-7*** (Dec $17.99);
- ***Avengers Disassembled: Iron Man***, collecting ***Iron Man #s 84-89*** (Dec $14.99);
- ***Avengers Disassembled: Thor***, collecting the death of Thor storyline from #s 80;(Dec $14.99);
- ***Black Panther by Jack Kirby Volume One*** (collecting the 1977 ***Black Panther #s 1-7***) (Feb $19.99);
- ***District X Volume One: Mr. M***, collecting ***District X #s 1-6*** (Jan $14.99);
- ***Essential Luke Cage—Power Man Volume One*** (reprinting ***Hero for Hire #s 1-16*** and ***Power Man #s 17-27***) (Feb $16.99);
- ***Essential Peter Parker, The Spectacular Spider-Man Volume One***, a bargain-priced 568-page black-and-white trade paperback collecting ***Spec Spidey #s 1-31*** (Jan $16.99);
- ***Fantastic Four Volume 2 HC*** (reprinting ***FF #s 503-513***) (Feb $29.99);
- ***Fantastic Four Volume Five: Disassembled***, collecting ***Fantastic Four #s 514-519*** (Dec $14.99);
- ***Fantastic Four Visionaries: John Byrne Volume Three***, collecting ***FF #s 251-257*** and ***Annual #17, Avengers #233***, and ***Thing #2*** (Dec $24.99);
- ***Hulk Visionaries: Peter David Volume One***, collecting *Peter David & Todd McFarlane's* ***Incredible Hulk #s 331-339*** (Jan $19.99);
- ***Loki***, a hardcover collection of the four-part limited series by *Rob Rodi & Esad Ribic* (Jan $17.99);
- ***Marvel Age Runaways Volume Three: The Good Die Young Digest*** (collecting ***Runaways #s 13-18***) (Feb $7.99);
- ***Marvel Knights 4 Volume Four: The Stuff of Nightmares***, collecting *Roberto Aguirre-Sacasa & Jim Muniz's* ***Marvel Knights 4 #8-12*** (Jan $13.99);
- ***Marvel Knights Spider-Man Volume Two: Venomous***, reprinting the Millar-Dodson-Cho arc from ***Marvel Knights Spider-Man #s 5-8*** (Jan $9.99)
- ***Marvel Masterworks: Daredevil Volume Three HC*** (collecting the Silver Age ***Daredevil #s 22-32 & Annual #1***) (Feb $49.99);
- ***Marvel Masterworks: The Uncanny X-Men Volume Five***, reprinting tales by Claremont, Byrne, Romita Jr., & Buscema (Jan $49.99);
- ***Marvel Masterworks: The Incredible Hulk Volume Two***, a hardcover collection of classic Hulk tales by *Stan Lee, Jack Kirby, Steve Ditko, Gil Kane, John Romita*, and others that originally appeared in ***Tales to Astonish #s 59-79*** (Dec $49.99);
- ***Marvel Visionaries: Stan Lee***, a 336-page hardcover featuring stories that span Stan's far-reaching career (Jan $29.99);
- ***Mystique Volume Three: Unnatural***, reprinting the third story arc by *Sean McKeever & Manuel Garcia* (Dec $13.99);
- ***New Mutants: Back to School*** (collecting #s 1-6) (Feb $16.99);
- ***Spectacular Spider-Man Volume Four: Disassembled***, reprinting ***Spectacular Spider-Man #s 15-20*** (Dec $14.99);
- ***Spider-Man: Maximum Carnage***, collecting ***Amazing Spider-Man #s 378-380, Spider-Man #s 35-37, Spectacular Spider-Man #s 201-203, Spider-Man Unlimited #s 1 & 2,*** and ***Web of Spider-Man #s 101-103*** (Dec $24.99);
- ***Ultimate Elektra: Devil's Due***, collecting *Mike Carey & Salvador Larroca's* ***Ultimate Elektra #s 1-5*** (Jan $11.99);
- ***Ultimate Fantastic Four Volume Two: Doom***, collecting the story arc by *Warren Ellis & Stuart Immonen* (Dec $12.99);
- ***Ultimate X-Men Volume Four HC*** (collecting #s 35-45) (Feb $29.99);
- ***Ultimate X-Men Volume Ten: Cry Wolf*** (collecting #s 50-53) (Feb $8.99);
- ***Uncanny X-Men: The New Age Volume One—The End of History***, collecting *Chris Claremont & Alan Davis'* ***Uncanny X-Men #s 444-449*** (Dec $12.99);
- ***Uncanny X-Men—The New Age Volume Two: The Cruelest Cut*** (collecting #s 450-454) (Feb $11.99)
- ***Venom Vs. Carnage***, collecting the limited series by *Peter Milligan & Clayton Crain* (Dec $9.99);
- ***What If? Classic Volume One***, collecting the first six issues of the original series, featuring work by *Roy Thomas, Jim Shooter, Don Glut, Gil Kane, Frank Robbins, Herb Trimpe,* & others (Dec $24.99);
- ***X-Men: Day of the Atom*** (collecting #s 157-164) (Feb $19.99);
- ***X-Men: Dream's End***, reprinting the multi-part saga of Colossus' death (Dec $12.99); and
- ***X-Men: The End Book One—Dreamers & Demons*** (collecting the miniseries) (Feb $14.99).

Mecca Comics Group

Dick Ayers is one of the most prolific and influential artists in the history of comics, but very few people know his name or his story. That's about to change. ***The Dick Ayers Story: An Illustrated Autobiography*** is a three-volume series by Ayers that tells his tale from his point of view. The first volume covers the years 1924 to 1950. (Feb $17.95)

Moonstone

Silencers is a crime comic with super-powers added for good measure. If you want to see how good it is for yourself, you can pick up the new ***Silencers: Black Noir*** trade paperback reprinting the series. (Jan $14.95)

One of the legendary figures of the old west has new, exciting adventures in Dodge City. ***Wyatt Earp: Dodge City*** is written by *Chuck Dixon* with greytone art by *Enrique Villagran*. (Jan $2.95)

NBM

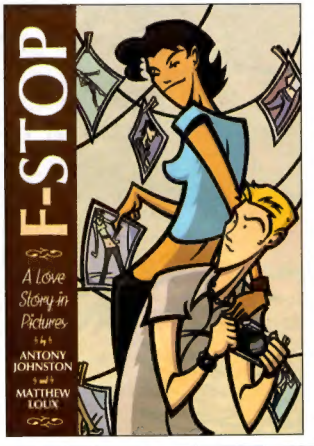
Think of the Crocodile Hunter dealing with the monsters of legend, and you are on the right path to figure out ***Cryptozoo Crew***. This web-comic comes to print for the first time, with two complete stories in their first issue. (Jan $2.95)

The first three issues of the new manga-esque mystery-adventure comic by *Scott Lobdell & Lea Hernandez* are collected in the new ***Hardy Boys Volume One*** trade paperback. (Feb $7.95)

And where the Hardy Boys go, can Nancy be far behind? ***Nancy Drew Volume One*** is the first graphic novel starring everyone's favorite female detective. *Stefan Petrucha* and *Sho Murase* bring you all new adventures in each 96-page volume. (Feb $7.95)

Oni

Is the success measured by the model or the photographer? ***F Stop*** is the new graphic novel by *Anthony Johnston* and *Matthew Loux* about a man who becomes the hottest thing in the fashion industry, thanks to finding a beautiful undiscovered model. (Jan $14.95)



Just another typical tale of a young man turning away from a fortune to run away with his stepmom, being hunted by assassins, killing one of them, and then being forced to replace the dead assassin or die. If only ***Follow Me Closely*** could have a unique idea in it. (Jan $9.95)

The modern life of the single parent can be a constant uphill battle. Watch Simon Adams go through the trials brought on by a child in *Andi Watson's* new bi-monthly series, ***Little Star***. (Feb $2.99)

J. Torres and *Eric Kim* are back with the second volume of ***Love as a Foreign Language***, following the adventures of an American teacher in Korea, looking for life and love in a very distant place. (Feb $6.95)

Rock star and hero. Idol and boyfriend. Comic book character. ***Scott Pilgrim vs. The World Volume Two*** continues the odd adventures of this odd hero in odd situations. (Feb $14.95)

Penny Farthing

This book just *screams* pulp. ***Captain Gravity and the Power of the Vril*** is the new series about a costumed adventurer during the days leading to WWII. (Dec-Feb $2.95)

Pure Imagination

Some of *Vaughn Bode's* most rare art is reprinted in ***Vaughn Bode: Rare and Well-Done***. This trade paperback collects Bode's complete runs from both ***If*** and ***Galaxy*** magazine, as well as many other unpublished pieces. (Jan $19.95)

SAF

When Texas Ranger Tex Willer gets to his friends house and finds them all murdered, he makes it his mission to find the killers. ***Tex: The Lonesome Rider*** is written by *Claudio Nizzi*, with art by the legendary *Joe Kubert*. (Feb $15.95)

Seven Seas

Luna is the perfect secret agent. Literally. She was engineered in a lab, and trained since birth. ***Amazing Agent Luna Volume One*** is her story, from her creation to how she became the governments perfect weapon. Of course, she is still human, and has human feelings, and what better way to deal with them then by going to high school! What better way indeed... (Feb $10.99)

New Edo is a future version of New York, where skyscrapers tower over wooden huts, and life is a constant struggle. ***Blade for Barter Volume One*** is the story of one citizen of New Edo, a samurai whose blade is for hire, and whose enemies are varied and deadly. (Feb $10.99)

If you were a prince from another dimension, where would you want to go? ***Last Hope Volume One*** deals with the new student at Hawaii's Maunaloa Institute for International Studies, who will end up taking his classmates on a journey that will take them around the world, through other dimensions, and across the fabric of space and time. (Feb $10.99)

The old west rarely had the dark, evil overtones of this series. ***No Man's Land*** is the first in a series of graphic novels by *Dallas Middaugh* and *Kriss Sison* about a Civil War hero who loses everything that he cares for and decides to become a "No Man,"a gun for hire who's only joy comes from killing. (Feb $10.99)

Shanda Fantasy Arts

Syndicated since 1998, ***Mudpie*** now makes its comics debut. *Guy Gilchrist* creates the world of a fourteen year old cat and his guardian angelmouse, throwing them into one fantastic adventure after another. (Feb $4.99)

555Comics.com

You can't keep a good alien ninja down. Once again, ***Zen Bounty Hunter*** is back with an all new story by *Steve Stern* and *Bill Maus*. (Jan $2.95)

Titan

Based on the novels by *Ian Fleming*, ***James Bond: Casino Royale*** adapts the title story, along with Live and Let Die and Moonraker. (Jan $16.95)

The latest volume of *Peter O'Donnell* and *Jim Holdaway's* femme fatale is due out this winter with the release of ***Modesty Blaise: Bad Suki***. And even if you've seen this material before, you've never seen it reproduced with such quality. (Feb $16.95)

TokyoPop

The legend of the genie says that you can be granted any wish that you want, but always beware of what you wish. ***Alichino*** is a tale along a similar vein, where people can find these rare creatures and have any wish granted—for a price. (Jan $9.99)

The Disney classic is being adapted to comics form. ***Bambi*** is turned into a cine-manga to coincide with the release of the platinum edition DVD. (Feb $7.99)

Gundam has long been the most popular giant-robotic-battle-suit manga series. ***Gundam Seed Astray R*** continues the successful run with a story about a rare mobile suit in the middle of some stellar debris that can alter the outcome of the war. (Jan $9.99)

Pamela is a tarot reader at a local cafe, but she doesn't do it for fun. It is her duty to help out the supernatural stuck on this world with their problems. So, if you have a problem, you might want to come to ***The Tarot Cafe*** and ask for Pamela. (Feb $9.99)

Based on the upcoming online game, World of Warcraft, Kim Jae-Hwan and Richard Knaak team to bring you ***Warcraft: The Sunwell Trilogy***. This three volume set focuses on two characters striving to save the High Elven Kingdom from the forces of the Undead Scourge. (Feb $9.99)

Top Shelf Productions

Owly: Just a Little Blue is the second volume of Top Shelf's all-ages series by *Andy Runton*. (Feb $10.00)

TwoMorrows Publishing

A complete guide to his life and work, ***The Art of George Tuska*** is a comprehensive guide complete with unpublished work and a complete index. (Feb $14.95)

Unredcomicbooks

Dave Morello creates an odd mix of a young girl, her teddy bear, and a downtrodden superhero in the pages of ***The Remainder***. The group must overcome surreal tragedies and bizarre obstacles to find redemption. (Feb $8.95)

Viper Comics

One last heist, and it's all done. Why does nothing go as planned? ***Daisy Kutter Volume One*** collects the entire series in one book for the first time. (Jan $10.95)

More stories by more creators grace the pages of ***Dead @17 Rough Cut Volume Two***. This 64-page anthology of stories includes a new piece by *Josh Howard*, along with work by *Kazu Kibuishi, Cal Slayton*, and others. (Feb $4.95)

Viz

As it turns out, monsters are real. And they can be trained to be a part of live action role-playing games. That's the premise behind ***Legendz***, the latest boy-and-monster saga from Japan. (Feb $7.99)

S.O.S. is the new series about three girls that start a dating service at their school. Good intentions for lonely people often lead to the biggest problems. (Feb $9.99)

Five short stories of budding romance in high school are presented in ***Times Two Volume One***. Each story looks at the emotions that come from love and the connections between young people. (Feb $9.99)

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